

About Oct 4, 1860.

Dear Garrison,

126 Please print the foregoing  
note, or correct in your own way the error  
to which it refers. I suppose you copied  
the statement from one of your exchanges,  
though it never met my eye till I saw it  
in the Liberator.

I have heard of your illness with  
deep regret and serious concern. Pray be  
careful of yourself. Diseases of the throat  
require the most careful treatment, and  
require above all rest from public  
speaking. Think what you would give  
to ~~save~~ avert the fatal consequences of  
our dear Theodore Parker's imprudence,  
and for the cause's sake and the sake  
of your friends, be prudent. I can't  
help thinking that if you would let  
God have his way in covering your chin  
and throat, you would find great relief.  
Depend upon it, God's purpose in giving  
men beards is not answered, but rather  
defeated, when it is made to promote



the razor-trade. Five years ago, I was troubled, as you are, but I found relief in letting my beard grow. Be persuaded to try the experiment this autumn, as the cold weather comes on; you know you can go back again to the old way in five minutes, if you see occasion for doing so.

Mary Anne joins me in love to you and Helen and to your children.

Yours, always,

Oliver Johnson.